

RESOLUTION TO BUILD A HIGH SCHOOL FOR FAUQUIER COUNTY STUDENTS

WHEREAS, the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors' Debt Referendum Policy effective July 1, 2001, with an adopted amendment effective on the 18th of November, 2003, was intended to encourage enhanced public participation in the decision-making process relating to major new construction projects; and

WHEREAS, a Secondary Programming Committee, comprised of representatives from a broad cross-section of the community, convened in December 2002 to make recommendations for short- and long-term solutions to instructional programming and facility needs based on research and best practices; and

WHEREAS, this citizens' committee provided enhanced public participation and identified the immediate need for a third high school in its report dated June, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Fauquier County School Board held Public Hearings on the 14th of October, 2003, and on the 27th of October, 2003, to solicit input about the need for and the configuration of a third high school; and

WHEREAS, current projected enrollments indicate that Fauquier High School will open the 2004 - 2005 School Year with 1720 students and Liberty High School will open the 2004 - 2005 School Year with 1636 students; and

WHEREAS, the School Division's ten-year enrollment projections reflect its two high schools exceeding available capacity by 519 students for school year 2007 - 2008, creating significant negative health and safety exposure for the enrolled students with the utilization of external modular classrooms; and

WHEREAS, at the time the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors adopted its Debt Referendum Policy, the Annual Study by the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service indicated a 1% per year rate of student growth; and

WHEREAS, the newly released Annual Study by the Weldon Cooper Center recognizes that Fauquier County Public Schools student population will increase by 6.2% from 2004 to 2008; and

WHEREAS, the building of a third high school is no longer a discretionary option and needs to be open no later than the fall of 2007; and

WHEREAS, The School Board adopted a resolution on the 10th of November, 2003, dedicating cash funding towards the new high school with a goal of \$5.5 million dollars and a request that the Board of Supervisors cash match the School Board to mitigate the fiscal impact on citizens; and

WHEREAS, the School Board resolved on the 10th of November, 2003, that a secondary school shall be constructed for a student enrollment not to exceed 1200; and

WHEREAS, the School Board resolved on the 25th of February, 2004, that the third high school shall have basic competition and practice athletic fields to include baseball, softball, football, soccer, field hockey and lacrosse; and

WHEREAS, the School Board resolved on the 25th of February, 2004, that all secondary schools will provide, based upon sufficient enrollment, Career and Technical Education Programs in agriscience, business/information technology education, marketing education, technology education, drafting, family and consumer science, graphic imaging, cosmetology, and any other program that is adopted for inclusion at all secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, the School Board resolved on the 25th of February, 2004, that a Centralized Career Technical Education facility will offer fire science, automotive technology (automotive repair and auto body), building technologies (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, masonry), medical sciences (nurses aide, licensed practical nursing, phlebotomy) and any program approved by the School Board for centralization; and

WHEREAS, elected representatives of all five Magisterial Districts on the Fauquier County School Board and the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors have indicated that a third high school needs to be built to address serious overcrowding at both of our high schools; and

WHEREAS, the School Board is exploring Public-Private Partnerships (PPEA) for construction of the new high school under criteria established by the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002; and

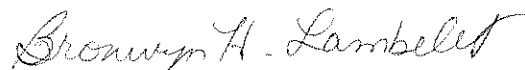
WHEREAS, a Bond Referendum process may limit potential contractors from submitting Public/Private Partnership Proposals; and

WHEREAS, bond issuance through the Virginia Public School Authority (VPSA) does not require a voter referendum and any failed referendum may result in an application denial; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Fauquier County School Board this 29th day of April, 2004, That the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors is requested to waive its voter referendum requirement for the borrowing to fund the construction of the third high school due to safety and health related issues associated with overcrowding of the existing facilities; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors proceed with all due speed to authorize the construction of a third high school for Fauquier County based on an order of magnitude cost estimate, prepared by McDonough Bolyard Peck, for 227,003 square feet, to be \$46,269,093 expressed in 2005 dollars; and be it

RESOLVED FINALLY, That the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors include the high school construction project in its Fiscal Year 2006 Capital Improvements Program.



Bronwyn H. Lambelet, Chairman
Fauquier County School Board